

Lancashire Combined Fire and Rescue Authority remains committed to delivering the best possible service to Lancashire's communities, with the resources it has available. This Council notes that the Fire and Rescue Authority continues to work productively and effectively with a range of stakeholders and that the Fire and Rescue Authority also acknowledges the new statutory duty to collaborate with other emergency services, while recognising many initiatives were already in place or in development irrespective of this mandate.

The Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council remains confident that current governance arrangements present the best way to deliver a fire and rescue service for Lancashire's communities, and notes that the Fire and Rescue Authority will provide the information required for the work proposed by the Police and Crime Commissioner, which it believes will evidence that collaborative opportunities are already being effectively progressed within existing structures.

Consequently, this Council is opposed to any proposals that transfer any current responsibilities of the Fire and Rescue Authority in Lancashire to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council therefore asks the Chief Executive to write to the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Home Secretary explaining this view, sending copies to Members of Parliament.

Moved by Phil Riley

Seconded by Cllr John Slater